

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to provide a cross-reference to related US applications. Support for this appears on the first and last pages of the International application as filed and in the inventors' declaration.

Claims 12-19 and 33-37, as amended, and new claims 41-47 appear in this application for the Examiner's review and consideration. The new claims are based on prior claims 28-32 and 31-32, respectively, so that there is no issue of new matter. Accordingly, these claims should be entered at this time.

Claims 12-19, 33-34 and 36-37 were found to be in condition of meeting PCT Articles 33(2)-(4). Accordingly, to facilitate allowance of this application, applicants have re-written claims 12, 33 and 36 in independent form while correcting grammar but not substance, so that these claims are now in condition for allowance. The dependency of claim 19 was also changed. Furthermore, as claims 13-19, 34 and 37 meet PCT Articles 33(2)-(4) based on their dependency to one of claims 12, 33 or 34, claims 35 and 41-48 also meet PCT Articles 33(2)-(4) based on their dependency from one of those independent claims.

Accordingly, the entire application is now believed to be in condition for allowance, early notice of which would be appreciated. Should the Examiner not agree that all claims are patentable, then a personal or telephonic interview is respectfully requested to discuss any remaining issues in order to expedite the eventual allowance of this application.

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